

Prix et bourses Gilles Mentha 2026

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Département de
chirurgie

A. Awards for best presentations

Service de chirurgie
viscérale

RULES

1. Six awards of CHF 500 each are attributed on the occasion of the « Séminaire de recherche système digestif et métabolisme, Journée Gilles Mentha pour la recherche clinique, fondamentale et sur la transplantation ». These awards reward the authors of:
 - the best presentations in basic science
 - the best presentations in clinical science

ELIGIBILITY

2. The applicant must be less than 40 years old.
3. The applicant or the senior author of the submitted abstract must be a member of the Faculty of Medicine in Geneva, or of the Section of Pharmacy of the Faculty of Sciences in Geneva or of the Hôpitaux Universitaires de Genève.
4. Submitted abstract must address a topic directly in the field of the digestive system, metabolism or transplantation.
5. Submitted abstract must represent either the work of a group working in Geneva, or the work of an individual from a Geneva group temporarily working abroad. At least part of the work has been performed in Geneva.
6. Only unpublished works are eligible.

SUBMISSION

6. Applicants must send their application by e-mail to stephanie.lacotte@unige.ch before March 4th 2026 (8pm), and indicate whether the work is basic or clinical.
7. Applications must be submitted as one-page document. Format is free.
8. All the abstracts will be merged and communicate to all the persons registered for the Séminaire de recherche système digestif et métabolisme, Journée Gilles Mentha pour la recherche clinique, fondamentale et sur la transplantation.

AWARDING

8. Submitted abstracts will be scored by all members of the Scientific Committee (the referees). The Scientific Committee includes 6 members: three specialists in basic research, three specialists in clinical research .
9. Scoring will be performed on a 1 to 6 scale for Originality of topic, Methods, and Relevance in the field. The mean score will be calculated for each abstract.
10. Referees will NOT score abstracts submitted by a group of their own research group.
11. Abstracts will be selected for oral presentation taking the scoring into consideration. As a rule, the first author of the selected abstract is expected to give the presentation. The presentation last 6 minutes with 2 minutes of questions. Slides should be in English but the presentation can be in English or French.
12. Oral presentations will be scored on a 1 to 6 scale for the quality of the oral presentation. The mean final score of the 4 sections (Originality of topic, Methods, Relevance of the results and Quality of the oral presentation) will be calculated for each presenter. The winners of the awards are the works receiving the maximal final score.

B. The grant Gilles Mentha

RULES

A separate grant of maximum 10'000 CHF will be awarded to support one or several post-graduate educational training related to a research project or clinical activity in liver, pancreas, digestive tract and/or transplantation to a young researcher.

ELIGIBILITY

General

The educational training has to focus on a short fellowship, technical expertise or course. The training has to integrate a research project or a carrier related to liver or pancreas diseases, gastro-intestinal affections, and transplantation. A particular interest will be given to innovative technologies currently unavailable in Geneva.

The training has to begin into the 24 months following the award.

Eligible applicant

The applicant is a young researcher or clinician.

The applicant must be a member of the Faculty of Medicine in Geneva, or of the Section of Pharmacy of the Faculty of Sciences in Geneva or of the Hôpitaux Universitaires de Genève.

Topics

The research has to focus on one of the following topics: liver or pancreas diseases, gastro-intestinal affections, and solid abdominal organ transplantation.

SUBMISSION

Applicants must send their application by e-mail to stephanie.lacotte@unige.ch before March 11th 2026, and indicate in the subject of the mail: “candidature à la bourse Gilles Mentha 2026”.

The application must include:

1. An up-dated CV
2. A description of training including place, duration, goal, how does the technique integrate the applicant's curriculum (maximum 1 page)
3. Budget
4. A support letter of the hierarchy explaining the necessity of the training (maximum 1 page)

AWARDING

Submitted projects will be scored (from 1 to 6) by all members of the Scientific Committee (the referees). The Scientific committee is responsible to rank the projects and to determine how many projects are selected for the grant and the amount allocated to each project.

The project(s) selected to receive the grant will be revealed during the ceremony of the “Journée Gilles Mentha”.

Awardees will present their training experience during the “Journée Gilles Mentha” 2027.

Awardees should use their grant in the 24 months following their attribution.